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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended) A method of aiding in preventing or treating pseudofolliculitis barbae [comprising] consisting essentially of applying a shaving preparation wherein the active ingredient consists essentially of a therapeutic amount of a glucocorticoid to a skin area to be shaved, prior to shaving, after shaving, or between shaves.

Claims 14 – 16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the shaving preparation comprises glucocorticoid provided in the amount of 0.025 to 2.5% by weight.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the shaving preparation comprises [of] a glucocorticoid selected from the group consisting of hydrocortisone USP, hydrocortisone acetate, desonide and triamcinolone acetate.

Claim 19 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the shaving preparation comprises hydrocortisone USP in the amount of about 1% by weight.

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Claim 20 (canceled – rewritten in independent form as new claim 35).

Claim 21 (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising applying the shaving preparation after shaving.

Claim 22 (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the shaving preparation is applied to the skin area [in] between shaves.

Claims 23-26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (currently amended) A shaving cream to aid in the prevention or treatment of pseudofolliculitis barbae or ingrown hair wherein the active ingredient consists essentially of a therapeutic amount of glucocorticoid and [an antibacterial agent] a bacteriostatic agent selected from the group consisting of disodium edetate, sodium metabisulfate, zinc oxide and zinc phenosulfate.

Claim 28 (allowed) A shaving cream to aid in the prevention or treatment of pseudofolliculitis barbae or ingrown hair wherein the active ingredient consists essentially of a therapeutic amount of glucocorticoid, an antibacterial agent and benzoyl peroxide.

Claim 29 (currently amended) A method of aiding in preventing or treating pseudofolliculitis barbae comprising applying a shaving preparation consisting essentially of a therapeutic amount of a glucocorticoid, propylene glycol and white lotion NF to a skin area to be shaved, prior to shaving, after shaving, or between shaves.

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Claim 30 (currently amended) A method of hindering the appearance of pseudofolliculitis barbae [comprising] consisting essentially of applying a shaving preparation wherein the active ingredient consists essentially of a therapeutic amount of a glucocorticoid to a skin area to be shaved, prior to shaving, after shaving, or between shaves.

Claim 31 (currently amended) A method of treating pseudofolliculitis barbae [comprising] consisting essentially of applying a shaving preparation wherein the active ingredient consists essentially of a therapeutic amount of a glucocorticoid to a skin area to be shaved, prior to shaving, after shaving, or between shaves.

Claim 32-34 (canceled).

Claim 35 (New) A method of aiding in preventing or treating pseudofolliculitis barbae comprising applying a shaving preparation wherein the active ingredient consists essentially of a therapeutic amount of a glucocorticoid to a skin area to be shaved immediately prior to shaving.

Claim 36 (New) A shaving preparation to aid in the prevention or treatment of pseudofolliculitis barbae or ingrown hair wherein the active ingredient consists essentially of a therapeutic amount of glucocorticoid and an antibiotic.

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Claim 37 (New) A shaving preparation of claim 36, wherein the antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of bacitracin, polymyxin-B sulfate and neomycin.